

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

In re application of: )  
Richard John Thompson )  
Application No. 10/519,373 ) Art Unit: 3679  
Filed: 08/04/2005 ) Examiner: Bochna, David  
For: TRUNKING AND COUPLING MEANS ) Atty. Docket No.  
THEREFOR ) UDL1P016/GJA/pw/P400410US  
 ) Date: 03/28/2008  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 2233-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a 3 month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant(s) believe that no additional Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. UDL1P016).

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. UDL1P016).

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **AMENDMENT A**

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Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/28/2007, please enter the following amendments believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.